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Applicant(s)

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METHOD, IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS AND

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of July 15, 2004, please amend this application as

follows: